

**KGO-TV**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS  
AND RELATED PROGRAMMING**

**SECOND QUARTER - 2001**

**REGULARLY SCHEDULED PROGRAMMING**

During the second quarter of 2001, KGO-TV aired the following regularly scheduled local newscasts identified on air as "ABC 7 News" with a total cumulative average of over 100 hours per month:

Monday - Friday	5:00-7:00AM
Monday - Friday	11:30AM-12:00PM / 11:00-11:30AM
Monday - Friday	5:00-5:30PM
Monday - Friday	6:00-7:00PM
Monday - Sunday	11:00-11:35PM
Saturday	6:00-6:30PM / 4:30-5:00PM
Sunday	7:00-8:00AM
Sunday	9:00-10:30AM
Sunday	6:00-6:30PM

**During the second quarter of 2001, KGO-TV also aired the following regularly scheduled locally produced programs that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:**

**SUNDAY ON 7:** Half-hour public affairs program produced by KGO-TV Public Affairs, that consisted of a variety of subjects primarily dealing with issues related to the local community. This program was hosted by KGO-TV news anchors Dan Ashley and Jessica Aguirre, and it aired on Sundays from 10:30-11:00am.

**SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE:** In its sixth year, Michael Finney headed this local consumer affairs unit. These segments involved consumer alerts and product recalls during the local 5pm newscasts, and consumer investigations or resolutions during the 6pm newscasts. The unit was staffed by volunteers who received letters and telephone calls via a special hotline from viewers seeking help with a variety of consumer problems. On the average, each month, the unit received over 1000 letters, over 400 e-mails, and approximately 2000 phone calls.

## **LOCAL SPECIALS**

**During the second quarter of 2001, KGO-TV aired the following locally produced specials that addressed the problems and needs of the San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland Market area:**

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

During the second quarter of 2001, KGO-TV aired a total of 1,953 public service announcements that aired throughout the broadcast day in various time periods, and involved many different topics. Some of these PSA sponsors included- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, National Diabetes Education Program, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Environmental Defense Fund, Guide Dogs to the Blind, Paralyzed Veterans of America, National Arbor Day Foundation, Leukemia Society of America, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, U.S. Centers For Disease Control & Prevention, Peace Corps, Social Security Administration, American Lung Association, Crime Prevention, Community For Firesafe Dwellings, Arthur Ashe Institute of Urban Health, American Heart Association, U.S. Air Force, Catholic Charities, Americorps, National Institute On Aging, and locally produced African American Salutes.

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In addition to the local news and public affairs programs described in this report, KGO-TV carries all of the ABC Television news & public affairs programs listed and described in the report filed as "Network Programming."

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KGO-TV regularly surveys community leaders and organizations, and responds to these surveys. Through these efforts we've determined that the following issues are important to the community:

**Education Issues**

**Youth Issues**

**Special News Reports**

**Housing Issues**

**Transportation/Traffic Issues**

**Minority Issues**

Some of the station's most significant treatments of these issues are described on the following pages.

## **PROGRAMS ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY**

### **EDUCATION ISSUES**

#### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: April 4, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

Length: 1:20

Subject:

This report originated from a high school in San Jose where students said prevention of violence was only one of a number of reasons counselors were needed. The state schools superintendent, in reaction to a deadly school shooting in Santee, California, asked for more money to hire counselors. She said that California had the worst counselor to student ratio in the country, and that many students might be carrying emotional problems that could lead to violence. But despite the high profile of violence on campus, students said counselors were needed simply to help plan a young person's future. Students at this school said that a counselor could often become a close friend on campus.

#### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 8, 2001 (11:00 -11:30AM)

May 8, 2001 (6:00 -7:00PM)

Length: :28, 1:35

Subject:

This report discussed the problem of graffiti in San Jose schools. Officials estimated that it cost the school district thousands of dollars every year to remove graffiti. Custodians cleaned it up every night, and practically everyday it returned. Sheriff's deputies said seeing graffiti was important because a "tagger" would leave a signature mark, and often hit different places. A local store and an electronics manufacturer donated thirty digital cameras to the county so that graffiti could be photographed as evidence before clean up.

**(Education Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 5, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:45

Subject:

This report discussed allegations by gay rights activists who said that a South Bay high school was insensitive toward homophobia on its campus. A teacher and a student were victims of written slurs against gays and lesbians. The teacher was angry because he felt school officials didn't care enough. The principal said he had spoken to every English class about tolerance, and invited an anti-harassment workshop on campus. But the group canceled after the principal shortened their presentation time, and restricted the agenda for other issues. With support from school officials, the teacher planned to start a student-run gay rights group.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 19, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 1:51

Subject:

This report reviewed a parent's lawsuit against his daughter's school district. The lawsuit alleged that the high school and the school district discriminated against girls' sports by giving them inferior facilities, game / practice times, coaching and recognition. His daughter said the girls' team was all but ignored. Her father said that the school refused to provide funds for a bus to travel to a playoff game during the previous season. Administrators at the high school would not comment on the suit.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 8, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

May 9, 2001 (5:00 - 7:00AM)

Length: 1:30, :21

Subject:

This report discussed a F. B. I. investigation into the alleged mishandling of San Francisco school funds. According to the district, millions of dollars designated to fix up schools was unaccounted for. Some money was shifted to other accounts, and some voter-approved funds went toward salaries rather than projects. An independent audit showed the problems began in 1996 during the tenure of the former superintendent. The current superintendent said that she would pursue the investigation on behalf of the children who she stressed were the victims.

**(Education Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 4, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report originated from the Filmore Auditorium at the conclusion of a Carlos Santana concert. The multi-Grammy Award winner teamed with Bill Graham Promotions to help raise money for his son's high school, the School of the Performing Arts. The fundraiser included performances by the school orchestra, students, and an appearance on stage by San Francisco actor Cheech Marin.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 4, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:50

Subject:

This report followed students from Oakland's Jefferson Elementary School as they took part in the "I'm Going to College Program." Approximately 160 students went to U.C. Berkeley to experience what it was like to be a college student for one day. The idea was to get young people thinking at an early age about going to college. The students were from low-income families, and most of their parents had not gone to college. Their teachers wanted them to realize that attending college was possible for them.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 19, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:44

Subject:

This report followed California Teachers Association representatives as they brought their "campaign to help California's lowest scoring schools" to San Francisco's Balboa High School. These educators were on a seven-city tour of schools around the state. They called for the legislature and the governor to drop programs such as monetary awards for teachers. They wanted to see those resources used for schools with the lowest test scores. A science teacher said she would use the extra money to hire more teachers to reduce class size. The CTA said that at least 33% of teachers at the lowest performing schools were without full credentials: Compared to only 5% of teachers at the highest performing schools that were without full credentials.

**(Education Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 10, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: :29

Subject:

This report covered a public hearing over a proposed expansion of Oakland's Fremont High School. The planned expansion by the Oakland School Board was expected to force some long time residents out of their homes. The school board and neighborhood residents voiced their opinions and concerns at this meeting.



## **YOUTH ISSUES**

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 9, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

Length: 1:44

Subject:

This report summarized a study that found juvenile delinquency, a lack of early childhood education, and inadequate child-care were closely linked. The long-term study suggested that inadequate child development was likely to have kids end up in a young life of crime. The study also suggested that there were not enough places that provided early education, or enough parents who could afford it. For police officers, this study echoed the message of another report that called California's child-care crisis a crime prevention tragedy. San Jose's Chief of Police said teenagers involved in crime were first of all often ignored as children.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: April 19, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:34

Subject:

This report discussed how sometimes adolescents learned about sex through a parent or teacher, but for many who didn't, or those too shy to ask delicate questions, the Internet could be a source of accurate information about sexual health. To address the information gap, non-profit groups like Planned Parenthood operated websites solely for teen education. The topics were straight and to the point: dating, love & sex, birth control, abstinence, infections and diseases. A Kaiser Family Foundation study determined this type of information was needed, and that half of all teens said they faced a lot of pressure when it came to sex and relationships.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 8, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report discussed how the City of San Francisco was addressing health hazards in San Francisco housing. Children were at risk living with health hazards like mold, mildew, and lead-based paint that caused poisoning, asthma, and other illnesses. It was worse for children whose lungs were still developing. The city was taking aggressive action by calling the hazards public nuisances. Supervisors wanted to eliminate mold, mildew, and lead-based paint by amending the health code.

**(Youth Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 22, 2001 (9:00 - 10:30AM)

Length: 3:00

Subject:

This report reviewed a growing trend of families with adopted children. A couple discussed how the process of adopting their two boys had been overwhelming. But one of the benefits of a domestic adoption was that they got an extensive history of their adopted sons, and their birth parents. An adoption agency official said that the stigma surrounding adoption was fading. She explained that more couples concentrated on work rather than having children, and many faced fertility problems when they tried. In comparison, another couple discussed their daughter's international adoption process.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 6, 2001 (7:00 - 8:00AM)

Length: 2:10

Subject:

This report talked about how societal pressure had produced a generation of seriously stressed out teenagers. A teenager talked about how young people were stressed to succeed academically, to be the perfect athlete, have a million extra curricular activities, or have the perfect body. A high school counselor said more teens talked about harming themselves, and that they were overwhelmed. She said they realized that competition for jobs and career was very tight, and believed they wouldn't make it if they didn't attend the right schools. Concerned parents attended a meeting with a therapist to get tips on how to help their teens cope. The therapist suggested that parents discuss things other than school and homework. He said they should check in with their kids, show them respect, and listen to them.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 13, 2001 (5:00 - 7:00AM)

Length: 1:33

Subject:

This report discussed how to teach children to understand the value of a dollar. The father of a five-year old believed that children needed to understand that the use of money built the world they would live in. A credit counselor said that a "money smart" child was one not emotionally attached to money. Experts said children should be taught about money at age four. The names of website links with advice on the subject were

provided.

**(Youth Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 3, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:40

Subject:

This report originated from San Jose's Oak Grove High School where the trial of a man accused of drunk driving was brought to the campus. The defendant agreed to the trial on campus as part of a program against drinking and driving. The prosecutor told the student jury that a breath test found the man's blood alcohol level was well above the legal limit at the time of arrest. The defendant described his arrest and campus trial as humiliating. The student jury rendered a symbolic verdict of guilty. The judge imposed a real six-day jail sentence, but reduced it since the defendant agreed to the process.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 23, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 2:01

Subject:

This report discussed findings by an Alameda advocacy group that determined the city needed to take better care of its young people. The community and government leaders report card found the city did no better than C's and D's in areas like childcare, safety, and opportunities for teens. Young people complained that they felt excluded from the community, and unwelcome in many stores. They also weren't aware of many opportunities available to them. But two years before, city youth wanted a skate park and built their own. The success of this effort prompted a volunteer project supported by city leaders to build a "youth city" at the former navy base.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 19, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

April 19, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 1:37, 1:37

Subject:

This report reviewed a government study that said 17% of children who spent 30 hours or more per week in childcare were regarded by teachers, mothers and caregivers as showing high levels of aggressiveness toward other children. They were also said to be argumentative, and more likely to get in fights, or exhibit explosive behavior. The percentage dropped to 6% for children in childcare ten hours or less per week. Researchers couldn't explain why more hours were associated with aggression. Childcare experts said this showed a need for more flexible hours for parents, and better salaries and training for childcare workers.

**(Youth Issues cont.)**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

During the 2nd Quarter of 2001, there were over 900 public service announcements that aired in various day-parts which addressed issues related to young people. Some of the sponsors of these PSA's included- America's Promise, Andrew's Buddies, Boys Hope-Girls Hope; Boys Town National Hotline, Boy Scouts of America, California Conservation Corps, Center for Juvenile & Criminal Justice, ChildReach, Children Now, Children of Shelters, Connect for Kids, Covenant House, DARE, Easter Seals, Girls Inc., Job Corps, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International, March of Dimes, National Center For Missing & Exploited Children, National Fatherhood Initiative, National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Alliance, Partnership for a Drug-Free California/America, Society For Adolescent Medicine, and Youth for Understanding.

## **SPECIAL NEWS REPORTS**

ABC 7 News provided several, in-depth news reports that examined a variety of issues important to the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose Market. The following are examples of these in-depth reports:

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: April 30, 2001 (11:00 – 11:35PM)

Length: 4:25

Subject:

This special report profiled a man who went on a rampage that caused a life and death struggle aboard an airline flight. He broke into the cockpit, attacked the pilot and lunged for the controls. He also tried to open the emergency control and threatened to kill all the passengers. A few passengers subdued the man, handcuffed him and held him until he was picked up at the gate in San Francisco. An examination revealed that he was suffering from viral encephalitis at the time of the incident. He had no memory of the incident since the virus rendered him medically unconscious. The defense counsel, the prosecution, and a court appointed lawyer all agreed that the man was not responsible for his actions because of the rare brain infection. A federal judge let him off with a diversion program.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 6, 2001 (9:00 - 10:00AM)

May 3, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 4:10, 4:08

Subject:

This special reviewed the debate surrounding plans to close San Quentin Prison. The prison opened its gates in 1852, and some people believed that it was not as safe and secure as it should be. A convicted child molester escaped in the previous year and was still at large. The prison's old design made it hard to handle difficult inmates. One of the main reasons to close the prison stemmed from pressure to develop the prison's prime real estate. The closing was expected to be very expensive considering the millions of dollars spent on remodeling, earthquake retrofits, the many special programs brought in by local volunteers, and the cost of building another prison.

**(Special News Reports cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 9, 2001 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 3:30

Subject:

This special follow-up report took a look at more accusations of alleged wrong doing by a drug store chain. Former employees discussed their allegations that the company fired them and pressured them to confess to crimes they said they did not commit. This report looked at how widespread the alleged problem was.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 27 2001 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

Length: 4:06

Subject:

This special report profiled a South Bay man who was known at the age of twelve as a “boy genius” by being the youngest person to receive a college diploma. With a degree in mathematics and high expectations from everyone, his father took him on the TV talk show circuit. However, at the same time, his mother won his custody in a divorce case alleging that her son was the victim of an abusive father. He went to live with his mother, kept his degree a secret, and started the seventh grade trying to blend in with children his own age. His father, diagnosed with terminal cancer, was the subject of a court case stemming from an alleged shooting incident with police.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 13, 2001 (9:00 – 10:00AM)

Length: 6:15

Subject:

This special report discussed how residents in the small town of Winters banded together to keep a favorite doctor from moving. He had become disillusioned with the managed health care system, and after six years decided to quit practicing. He even thought of leaving medicine entirely. But residents called a special town meeting and created a non-profit health care foundation. After collecting donations, volunteers built a clinic out of an old shoe repair shop, and the doctor was back practicing medicine. Their long-term goal was to attract other doctors to the town when the foundation doctor retired so the same type of medicine would continue.

**(Special News Reports cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 7, 2001 (11:00 – 11:35PM)

Length: 3:25

Subject:

This special report reviewed how intelligence was still sought by spies working in the Bay Area. A former FBI agent who worked 21 years in Russian counterintelligence discussed changes since the cold war ended. A lifetime diplomat and former U.S. ambassador who taught at San Francisco State said the Bay Area was a hotbed of espionage. He explained that it was not so much directed at the military as during the cold war, but at economic intelligence in high tech university research and Silicon Valley.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 4, 2001 (6:00 – 7:00PM)

May 6, 2001 (7:00 – 8:00AM)

Length: 3:26, 3:20

Subject:

This special report asked if Bay Area residents were destined to pay more for food, housing, and gas forever? A consumer group compared prices at a supermarket chain vs. those in Washington, D.C., and found many were higher in Oakland. A local resident confirmed she found that to be true after moving from New York. The Bay Area was determined to have the highest cost of living when considering food, shelter and clothing. Experts said the demand for housing exceeded supply as people came to the Bay Area for high-paying jobs. Gas prices were reviewed, and a family that couldn't afford to go out very often was profiled. The high local cost of living was not matched by high wages.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 13, 2001 (7:00 – 8:00AM)

Length: 6:35

Subject:

This special report discussed San Francisco's policy of dealing with dogs that had been declared "vicious and dangerous." There were about thirty dogs on the city's "vicious and dangerous" list at any time. Some owners and their dogs of this type were profiled to show specifically how the system worked. Others were either too embarrassed or upset to talk about their pet. The city required owners to post a sign warning of the dog threat. This report found discrepancies in how the law was obeyed and enforced. Officials



admitted that animal control needed to monitor its “dangerous dogs” more closely.

**(Special News Reports cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 1, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 4:46

Subject:

This special report looked at some of the unusual ways people were coping with the Bay Area’s parking shortage. This difficult situation was really apparent in San Francisco where there were 100,000 more cars registered than there were street parking spaces. Some drivers would regularly park on the sidewalk when they could not find a space anywhere in their neighborhood. The city’s director of parking and traffic said they were trying to stop this type of behavior because it was dangerous for pedestrians. Those who could afford it were excavating spaces under their homes. This report also examined the problem of finding a parking space at BART Stations and the expense of parking in San Francisco. Car critics said building more parking would keep people in their cars instead of using mass transit.

## **HOUSING ISSUES**

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: June 21, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: :34

Subject:

This report covered a press conference by the mayor of San Jose as he announced that he was calling for “aggressive strategy” on building more affordable housing. The main goal of the mayor’s plan to solve the housing crunch in the South Bay was to make sure families could continue to live in San Jose. He wanted to see more new housing units under construction in Silicon Valley.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: June 12, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 1:48

Subject:

This report reviewed how it had become easier to rent an apartment in San Francisco than in the East Bay. Prices were dropping in San Francisco, while they were rising across the bay. According to a San Francisco agency, in just one-year, the market favored renters rather than landlords who were lowering rents to obtain occupancy. An East Bay renter was profiled as she searched for a place to live. A survey showed that East and West Oakland had experienced a +20% increase in rents over the previous year.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 29, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

Length: 1:43

Subject:

This report followed the “Economic Human Rights Tour” that kicked off in Oakland to look at hunger and homelessness issues. Area residents, some from homeless shelters, took reporters on a tour past closed hotels that once provided housing of last resort. The tour was organized by a group called Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency, or BOSS. Residents were concerned that they would be driven out by the mayor’s plan to attract 10,000 residents to live downtown. The mayor said his plan included affordable housing. Tour leaders said Oakland needed more transitional housing while people searched for a more permanent place to live.

**(Housing Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: June 26, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: :36

Subject:

This report announced that Bay Area housing prices were beginning to drop for the first time in years. In particular, the median-price for homes in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties was down from the previous year. But prices were up about 10% in the East Bay. For the Bay Area overall, they were up 5%, significant because this was the smallest increase in more than three years.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: June 21, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

Length: 1:28

Subject:

This report covered a lottery of subsidized, school-built apartments for teachers in Santa Clara. 80 teachers, all of them first, second, or third year teachers, participated in the housing lottery. The one and two bedroom units were to be rented to teachers at 40% below market rates. A first grade teacher who earned \$42,000 per year discussed how she and her roommate were denied many apartments because of their low salaries. The school district decided it had to do something to help teachers, or else lose them.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 1, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:44

Subject:

This report reviewed an important housing issue that was to be on the agenda of a meeting of the Menlo Park City Council on the same evening. The city council was considering whether to make developers who wanted to build in the area commit to creating more homes at lower prices. This report reviewed housing prices in anticipation of the council decision.

**(Housing Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 30, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:42

Subject:

This report discussed a heated controversy that developed over affordable housing in a Palo Alto mobile home park. The city council was about to debate later in the evening whether to restrict rent increases at the park. Residents, and representatives of the landlord, and the city council discussed how rent restrictions would impact them.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: June 4, 2001 (5:00 - 7:00AM)

Length: :26

Subject:

This report announced that San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales was to hear both sides of a debate on affordable housing at a meeting later in the evening. San Jose renters wanted stricter guidelines to protect them from being evicted just so landlords could “jack-up” rents. Landlords argued that those cases were rare, and their ability to get rid of bad tenants could not be limited.

## **TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC ISSUES**

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 2, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: :30

Subject:

This report covered the announcement by CALTRANS as officials unveiled their plans for a possible bike lane on the Bay Bridge. Two different designs were created to allow bicyclists and pedestrians to cross the span in a special lane in each direction. The cost was estimated to be \$380 million dollars. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission was expected to make a decision by fall 2001 on whether to fund the project.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: June 26, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:43

Subject:

This report discussed San Jose's new traffic calming policy that was to be passed by the city council on the same night. A survey found that speeding along residential streets was the number one complaint, but taking action had been hard for neighborhood groups. The new policy was to make it easier to place medians and traffic circles, and neighbors could directly call the city's department of transportation to make a report. An engineer would then be sent to the neighborhood to investigate the problem, followed by community meetings.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 15, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:53

Subject:

This report followed the executive director of Cal Trans as he spoke in Walnut Creek regarding the governor's "Traffic Congestion Relief Plan." He reassured Contra Costa business leaders that the \$1.5 billion dollar plan would remain intact despite the possibility of a summer power emergency. The plan included funds for BART to San Jose, added carpool lanes for 580 Livermore and the Sunol Grade, a freeway expansion of Highway 4 in Antioch, and a 4<sup>th</sup> bore in the Caldecott Tunnel. He said the governor's plan protected these investments, and did not delay them.

**(Transportation / Traffic cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: June 6, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 2:13

Subject:

This report discussed why officials were talking about a possible toll increase on the Bay Bridge from \$2.00 to \$3.00. The total cost of repairing Bay Area bridges was expected to be \$580 million more than originally estimated. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission was expected to accept the higher estimate, but the staff recommended avoiding talk of a three-dollar bridge toll. Some commissioners suggested cutting costs in the design of the new Bay Bridge eastern span, and getting more state funding. An Alameda County supervisor suggested working with the state legislature before asking bridge commuters for more bridge toll.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 7, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

May 8, 2001 (5:00 - 7:00AM)

Length: 1:45, 2:06

Subject:

These reports discussed a new study that found Bay Area drivers spent one week of work behind the wheel, an average of 42 hours in gridlock. The Bay Area was ranked the highest, right behind number one Los Angeles. A commuter to San Francisco shared why he took BART most of the time rather than driving across the bridge. The study authors said road building and widening projects slowed gridlock, and didn't stop it. The study recommended more mass transit, more telecommuting, and an emphasis on commuting at off-peak times.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: June 26, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

Length: 1:39

Subject:

This report reviewed the possibility of cell phone use while driving being banned in California. This was on the same day that New York became the first state to ban drivers from talking on handheld phones, but would allow a driver to talk on a "hands free device." A local AAA spokesperson said there were more distractions than the cell phone. He said that more research was needed to get statistics and facts before making a decision on a similar ban in California.

**(Transportation / Traffic cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 1, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 4:46

Subject:

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ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: April 27, 2001 (5:00 - 5:30PM)

Length: 1:46

Subject:

This report covered a rally by bike messengers and members of the bicycle coalition in remembrance of a bike rider killed in the year before. The event turned even more somber by news that a woman had been killed earlier in the day riding her bike to work. Witnesses told police that the rider had been weaving in and out of traffic when she tangled with a pickup. Bicyclists were outraged over a court ruling that reduced charges against a truck driver who, in the year before, allegedly ran over and killed a bicyclist. Some people labeled it as an act of road rage, and circled city hall as a tribute to the rider. A witness to the death made a pledge to the victim's parents.

## **MINORITY ISSUES**

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 7, 2001 (11:00 - 11:35PM)

Length: 1:26

Subject:

This report discussed the issue of police profiling as told through an incident experienced by the president of the NAACP's San Jose chapter. He was stopped and questioned by San Jose Police while out driving with a friend. Police said he fit the general description of a robbery suspect they were searching for in the area. The driver said the only thing he had in common with the suspect was that they were both African American. He filed a complaint against the officer, but also wanted the police department to require more sensitivity training for its officers.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: April 26, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:20

Subject:

This report discussed a national survey that found prejudice against Asian-Americans was widespread. It determined that many Americans had negative attitudes and feelings towards Asians. Many viewed their Asian neighbors as outsiders rather than citizens. The survey was taken before the spy plane crisis involving the United States and China. Those who tracked anti-Asian hate crimes and stereotypes said Americans needed to be educated. Bay Area people interviewed in the report said they were shocked by the findings.

### **ABC 7 NEWS (Local)**

Date/Time: May 28, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:49

Subject:

This report covered a memorial service for Japanese American soldiers interred at Oak Hill Memorial Park. The names and dates on the gravestones told of the ultimate sacrifice in the world wars, Korea, and in Vietnam. The service included a special salute to survivors of World War II's 442<sup>nd</sup> regiment. The all Japanese-American unit was the most decorated in U.S. Army history. Another part of the tribute included a look back at the lives of Japanese American Soldiers before they became heroes. Many had come from internment camps where more than one hundred thousand Japanese Americans were held as potential threats to national security.



**(Minority Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: June 13, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 2:50

Subject:

This report profiled an unknown movie director, a local resident, whose documentary was about to make its debut at the San Francisco Black Film Festival. The Hunters Point neighborhood, scarred by poverty and crime, was where the filmmaker grew up. His film "Straight Outta Hunters Point" provided a first person perspective that no outsider could ever capture. A resident, who commented about some of the positive things about the neighborhood that weren't seen said, "we are trying to do something right, and we really don't want violence."

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 27, 2001 (7:00 -8:00AM)

Length: 1:49

Subject:

This report reviewed census figures that showed Silicon Valley had California's largest Asian-Indian population with 67,000 people. In the previous decade, the number of Indians in California increased nearly 100 percent. Vietnamese Americans were the second largest with a 60% increase in population. But the number of Japanese Americans declined by nearly 8%. Many Vietnamese Americans were hopeful that the dramatic increase in their group would lead to more political clout.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 23, 2001 (5:00 -5:30PM)

Length: 1:31

Subject:

This report discussed how San Francisco, with its large immigrant population, was considering a measure that would mandate bilingual staff for essential city services. The proposal, similar to one passed in Oakland, was to require police and fire departments to hire bilingual staff, and to translate important documents into Spanish and Chinese. Two people were included in this report that would benefit from such a program. Census figures showed that one in four San Francisco residents didn't speak English very well, and half spoke another language at home. The mayor supported the issue, but was concerned about the cost. A county supervisor was concerned that experience would be substituted for the ability to speak a language when hiring workers.

**(Minority Issues cont.)**

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 8, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 3:05

Subject:

This report discussed why so many Bay Area Hispanic businesses struggled to survive. There were an estimated 50,000 Hispanic owned businesses in the Bay Area. Although there was growth in the high tech sector for Hispanic businesses, most were still small, and many ended in failure. This suggested that these businesses needed more training, education and assistance. Census figures showed that the average business earned \$255,000 less than the average non-Hispanic business. Business leaders said that this didn't mean Hispanics didn't have money to spend.

ABC 7 NEWS (Local)

Date/Time: May 9, 2001 (6:00 - 7:00PM)

Length: 1:39

Subject:

This report followed author David Horowitz as he brought his controversial views opposing reparations for African Americans to Cal State University Hayward. The author had generated controversy on college campuses around the country publishing a full-page ad stating his ten reasons why reparations for slavery were a bad idea. He said he was motivated because he was trying to balance a one-sided debate. Members of the school's black faculty urged people not to attend. Horowitz said students should be open to hearing both sides of the issues. Although the lecture didn't hold everyone's attention, it did generate a heated debate.